



# State of Utah

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Committee of Consumer Services

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of Consumer Services held  
in the Heber M Wells Building, Salt Lake City, 21 June 2005

Dee Jay Hammon called the meeting to order at 9:34am in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room.

## Members of the Committee in Attendance:

Franz Amussen  
Kelly Casaday

Ryan Atkinson  
Dee Jay Hammon

Kent Bateman  
Betsy Wolf

## Staff in Attendance:

Leslie Reberg  
Reed Warnick  
Nancy Kelly  
Cheryl Murray

Dan Gimble  
Eric Orton  
Kevin Hale

Paul Proctor  
Chris Keyser  
Oliwia Smith

## Members of the Public in Attendance:

Dave Anderton  
Kathy VanDame

Gary Robinson  
Paul Mecham

Roger Ball

## 1. Administrative Matter

1.1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence  
Dee Jay Hammon welcomed all those present.

1.2. Dates and Location of Next Meetings  
Tuesday, August 2, 2005 Heber M. Well Building, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, North Conference Room.

1.3 Minutes of Previous Meetings  
Kent motioned for the approval of October 12<sup>th</sup> through March 28<sup>th</sup> minutes.  
Franz seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote.

1.4 Committee Review and Approval Process  
Staff was directed to continue with the previously agreed approval process policy and move forward with technical and day-to-day issues. Dee Jay discussed the major event memo that went to the media and clarified the process.

### 1.5 Committee Budget Overview

Leslie reviewed FY2005 P&T and General Budget. At the next committee meeting, 2 Aug. 2005, Leslie will give a more in-depth budget review. Betsy asked for a quarterly spreadsheet of the P&T budget.

### 1.6 NASUCA Update

Kelly Casaday discussed NASUCA Conference. He explained that six of the ten presentations were devoted to telecom issues, three were devoted to electricity, and one devoted to general lobbying matters.

Cheryl Murray discussed modem highjacking and its potential implications.

## 2. HELP presentation-Paul Mecham

Mr. Mecham presented an opposing viewpoint regarding the HELP program.

## 3. TELECOM

### 3.1 UBTA-UBET's Universal Service Fund Application

Oliwia explained UBTA-UBET's application for additional state USF funding and its potential consequences for Utah ratepayers.

#### 3.1.1 Contract Amendments

Betsy Wolf motioned the allocation of an additional \$25,000 and to extend the termination date to 30 June 2006 to William Dunkel & Associates contract. Ryan Atkinson seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous vote.

### 3.2 Petition for Statewide EAS

Oliwia talked about a petition from Beehive Telephone Company for statewide EAS and the issues surrounding inter-carrier compensation.

### 3.3 Qwest vs. Utopia

Paul mentioned a current lawsuit brought on by Qwest against UTOPIA.

### 3.4 Counties vs. Qwest

Paul said that the Commission issued an Order denying the Counties' complaint.

### 3.5 LDA Tariff-Resolved

Hearings took place and the parties await the Commission's decision.

## 4. Gas

### 4.1 Questar's May 2005 Pass-Through Filing

Questar filed for a \$115 Million or 14.42% rate increase. This would mean an \$11/monthly rate increase for consumers. The rate increase became effective on an interim basis, per PSC Order dated 31 May 2005. An expert will be retained to

assist the Committee in reviewing the pass-through filing. Eric Orton gave out a handout detailing the scope of work.

- 4.2 Questar's Gas Management Program Filing  
Committee has secured a well-qualified expert with a good science background.

## 5. Electric

- 5.1 Mid-American Acquisition of PacifiCorp  
The Committee reviewed Dan's handout on previous merger conditions of PacifiCorp/Scottish Power.
- 5.2 Major event Memo  
Dee Jay discussed earlier in the meeting the major event memo that went to the media and clarified the approval process.
- 5.3 QF Avoided Cost Update  
Testimonies due July 11<sup>th</sup>. This case will ultimately go to hearings. Consultant Phil Hayet is examining this issue.
- 5.4 PacifiCorp's RFP 2009  
Supply Side Resource of 525 Megawatts to be delivered by summer 2009. Commission has hired an independent evaluator. Paul was on selection panel. According to projected schedule, bids will be due 2005 December. The minimum megawatts are 100 and the minimum term is 10 years. Affiliates may bid in. Lakeside & Currant Creek locations will be available to bidders. The Public Service Commission must approve or disapprove resource selection.
- 5.5 Contract Amendments  
Betsy Wolf motioned to approve the four-amendment extensions to the contract of Hill and Associates, Hayet Power Systems, Yankel and Associates, Arndt & Associates for 31 June 2006. Kent Bateman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## 6. Closed Meeting – To Discuss Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation

- 7. Motions on Matters Discussed in Closed Meeting  
No motions needed.

## 8. Other Business

Kelly Casaday proposed that the meeting adjourn, and the meeting ended at 1:45 p.m.